

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): CIFRA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1614

Serial No.: 10/692,191

Examiner: Leslie A. ROYDS

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For: MODULATION OF ZINC LEVELS TO IMPROVE TISSUE PROPERTIES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.114**

VIA EFS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On September 15, 2008, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal in connection with a Final Office Action ("Office Action") that was issued on March 18, 2008 for this case. Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and to respond to the Office Action by filing this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicants also submit a Petition for an Extension of Time, thereby extending the deadline to file the RCE and amendment up to, and including April 15, 2009. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3732, Order No. 13720-105089US1 for the extension-of-time fee, RCE fee, and any other fee that may be necessary for the entry of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.